

**"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.